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Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 53/169 of 15 December 1998, 54/231 of 22 December 1999, 55/212 of 20 December 2000, 56/209 of 21 December 2001, 57/274 of 20 December 2002 and 58/225 of 23 December 2003 on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence,

Recalling also its resolution 58/291 of 6 May 2004,

Reaffirming the resolve expressed in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] to ensure that globalization becomes a positive force for the people of the world,

Recalling that the Millennium Declaration stated that while globalization offers great opportunities, at present its benefits are very unevenly shared, while its costs are unevenly distributed,

Recognizing that globalization has brought new challenges for sustained economic growth and sustainable development, that developing countries have been facing special difficulties in responding to them and that some countries have successfully adapted to the changes and benefited from globalization, but that many others, especially the least developed countries and landlocked developing countries, have remained marginalized in the globalizing world economy,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See resolution 55/2.

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Noting with concern the recent slowdown in the global economic recovery, the continued imbalances within and among countries and their negative implications for developing countries,

Welcoming the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Reaffirms* that the United Nations has a central role in promoting international cooperation for development and in promoting policy coherence on global development issues, including in the context of globalization and interdependence;

3. *Calls* on the international community to devote special attention to improving resource flows for development, through, inter alia, enhanced official development assistance, as well as to dealing with the volatility of international capital markets;

4. *Underlines* that in addressing the linkages between globalization and sustainable development, particular focus should be placed on identifying and implementing policies and practices that simultaneously promote sustained economic growth, social development and environmental protection and that this requires efforts at both national and international levels;

5. *Stresses* that in order to enable developing countries to reap greater benefits from globalization and to achieve the international development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, there is a need to enhance the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems and global economic governance;

6. *Emphasizes* that enhanced coherence between national development strategies, on the one hand, and international obligations and commitments, on the other, would contribute to the creation of an enabling economic environment for development, and in this regard emphasizes further the need to broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making and rule-making;

7. *Stresses* the need to formulate development strategies with a view to minimizing the negative social impact of globalization and maximizing its positive impact, while ensuring that all groups of the population, in particular the poorest, benefit from it, and emphasizes the efforts at the international level to reach agreement on the means to achieve the international development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, which are essential for development in all countries and for escaping the "poverty trap";

8. *Recognizes* the special needs of the landlocked developing countries within a new global framework for transit transport cooperation for landlocked and transit developing countries, and calls for the continued support and assistance of the international community for their efforts in every regard, in particular those

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[2] *A fair globalization: Creating opportunities for all*, International Labour Organization, 2004.

[3] A/59/312.

aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the full and effective implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action;[4]

9. *Underlines* the importance of taking into account the need for appropriate balance between national policy space and international disciplines and commitments, and in this regard encourages the international community to promote dialogue on measures that would provide developing countries with the policy space and flexibility to manage the risks of integrating into the global economy;

10. *Emphasizes* that a successful conclusion of the multilateral trade negotiations under the World Trade Organization must fulfil the objectives of the Doha work programme[5] to promote development in developing countries by giving special consideration to the trade and development related concerns of developing countries;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session a report on globalization and interdependence, including on the implementation of the present resolution;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Globalization and interdependence".

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[4] *Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 28 and 29 August 2003* (A/CONF.202/3), annex I.

[5] See A/C.2/56/7, annex.